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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT****RECEIVED**

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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please rewrite the following paragraphs as set forth below in clean form. Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii), the amended paragraphs are set forth in a marked-up version in the pages attached to this Amendment.

Beginning at page 3, line 13:

A<sub>1</sub> Unlike a so-called common key cryptosystem in which a common key is used for both encryption and decryption, the public key cryptosystem is advantageous in the management of keys because only one particular person may have the private key, which must be kept secret. However, the public key cryptosystem is slower than the common key cryptosystem in data